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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows. A petition to extend the time for response for two months from January 22, 2003 to March 22, 2003 (Saturday), an Exhibit A, and a request for a Continuing Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) are submitted herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.